



S. RUSSELL SYLVA
Commissioner

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Quality Engineering
Metropolitan Boston - Northeast Region
5 Commonwealth Avenue
Woburn, Massachusetts 01801

April 28, 1986



SEMS DocID

621120

Captain Jutras
Beverly Fire Prevention
15 Hale Street
Beverly, MA 01915

RE: BEVERLY - Vitale Dumpsite
L.P. Henderson Rd. and Cabot St.
Underground Tank Removal

Dear Captain Jutras:

The Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (the Department) has recently learned that the subject property, located at the corner of Cabot Street and L.P. Henderson Road, is owned by the City of Beverly. Apparently, the City of Beverly took over the property from the Vitale family in 1980 for failure to pay taxes.

According to Beverly Fire Department records, there are four underground storage tanks on this property which were installed in 1960. These tanks have been used to store gasoline, diesel fuel, heating fuel, and "slop oil".

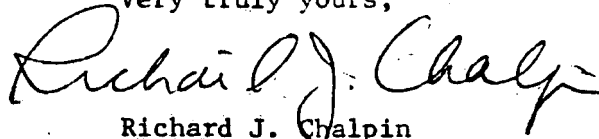
The Department hereby requests that your office initiate the removal of these tanks from the property. In their present condition, the chemicals which may be leaking or have leaked from these tanks represent a threat to Wenham Lake, the water supply for Beverly and Salem. Since the average effective life for underground steel tanks has been estimated to be 15 years, and these tanks are approximately 100 yards from the Airport Stream, a tributary to Wenham Lake, the Department is requesting immediate removal of the tanks in accordance with Beverly's own by-law on underground storage.

You are advised that, if upon excavation, evidence of leaks or contaminated soil is observed, you must arrange for a licensed cleanup contractor to be on-site to perform the immediate site stabilization. A list of such contractors is appended. This Office would also like to be contacted, so that a member of my staff may be present during removal to observe the condition of the excavations.

Captain Jutras
Page 2

Please inform Steve Johnson, at 935-2160, of the date that this removal is scheduled. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Chalpin
Acting Regional
Environmental Engineer

RJC/SJ/ae

cc: Ms. Madeline Snow, DEQE, DSHW, One Winter St., Boston, MA 02108
Mr. Thomas Knowlton, Salem & Beverly Water Supply Board, Filtration
Plant, Arlington Avenue, Beverly, MA 01915
Mr. Joseph Walsh, Beverly Board of Health, City Hall, Beverly, MA 01915
Mayor John Monahan, Beverly City Hall, Beverly, MA 01915
Mr. Steve Serian, EPA Region I, Division of Hazardous Waste, JFK
Building, Boston, MA 02201